A key element in the County's vision to improve the quality of life for its citizens is to provide services that create a safe environment in the places that we live, work, and learn. County departments and personnel combine knowledge, information, and resources to deliver programs that protect lives and property every day. The Department of Public Works' Building and Safety Division, through the plan check and inspection process, is a leader in this effort.

Dedicated staff in this organization work diligently to protect and further the public interest, to promote a safe and healthy environment, and to provide quality professional expertise. While these efforts are highly effective, the Division seeks to enhance its operations by forming partnerships with members of the community.

Through the establishment of education programs, Los Angeles County's citizens are made aware of Building Codes, enforcement policies, and emergency management programs. The resulting partnerships enable us to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future, and the observance of Building Safety Week allows us all to join a national celebration of past and future successes.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

Proclaim May 8-14, 2005 as Building Safety Week and join with the Department of Public Works' Building and Safety Division in forming and maintaining community partnerships that result in the highest standards of protection to lives and property and that provide excellent quality of life to all citizens.

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